

## AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1992

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

#### Annual Movements (March 1991 to March 1992)

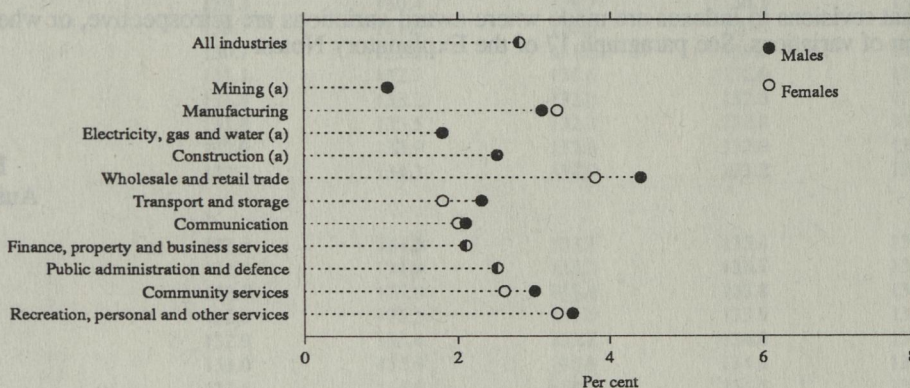
Over the 12 months to March 1992, the weekly award rates of pay indexes for full-time adult male and full-time adult female employees both rose by 2.8 per cent.

The largest movements over the period for full-time adult males occurred in the Wholesale and retail trade industry (4.4%) and in the Recreation, personal and other services industry (3.5%). For full-time adult females the largest movements occurred in the Wholesale and retail trade industry (3.8%), in the

Manufacturing industry and in the Recreation, personal and other services industry (both 3.3%).

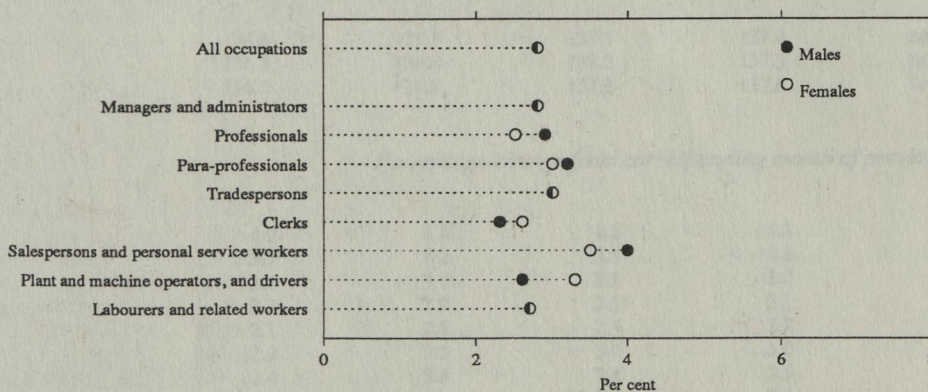
In terms of occupation groups, the largest increases for full-time adult males were for Salespersons and personal service workers (4.0%) and Para-professionals (3.2%). For full-time adult females the largest increases were for Salespersons and personal service workers (3.5%), and Plant and machine operators, and drivers (3.3%).

INDUSTRIES, FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES,  
PERCENTAGE CHANGE, TWELVE MONTHS TO MARCH 1992



(a) Data not available for females in these industries.

OCCUPATIONS, FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES,  
PERCENTAGE CHANGE, TWELVE MONTHS TO MARCH 1992



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At the State level, the largest increases in the year to March 1992 for full-time adult males were in the Australian Capital Territory (4.6%) and in the Northern Territory (4.0%). For full-time adult females the largest increases were in South Australia (3.7%) and in the Northern Territory (3.5%).

#### Monthly Movements (February 1992 to March 1992)

Between February 1992 and March 1992 the weekly award rates of pay index for full-time adult employees recorded minimal change.

While small increases to indexes occurred for some industries and occupation groups, there were no changes larger than 0.1 per cent.

There were no notable increases at the State level.

#### Effects of National Wage Cases

Wage variations from the August 1989 wage case continue to occur and result in increases in the months they take effect. Variations from the April 1991 wage case are also continuing.

### NOTES

The Award Rates of Pay Indexes are compiled from data obtained from Wage Fixing authorities, both Federal and State, relating to variations in prescribed award wages and hours.

Explanatory Notes are published at the back of this publication.

Users should note that revisions to indexes are made where award variations are retrospective, or when there is a delay in receipt of notification of variations. See paragraph 17 of the Explanatory Notes.

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TABLE 1. AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES  
FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA  
BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0

Month	Weekly series			Hourly series		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1985—						
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1986—						
June	103.8	104.2	104.0	103.9	104.3	104.0
1987—						
June	109.7	110.4	109.9	109.9	110.9	110.2
1988—						
June	114.8	115.5	115.0	115.1	116.6	115.5
1989—						
June	122.4	123.7	122.8	122.9	125.3	123.7
1990—						
March	127.6	128.8	128.0	128.3	130.5	129.0
April	128.3	129.8	128.7	129.0	131.5	129.8
May	129.3	130.4	129.7	130.1	132.2	130.7
June	130.1	131.6	130.5	130.8	133.3	131.6
July	130.7	132.2	131.2	131.6	134.0	132.3
August	131.1	132.7	131.6	132.0	134.4	132.7
September	131.4	133.2	132.0	132.3	135.1	133.2
October	131.8	133.5	132.3	132.8	135.3	133.5
November	132.0	133.9	132.6	133.0	135.8	133.9
December	132.2	134.3	132.9	133.2	136.1	134.1
1991 —						
January	132.4	134.5	133.1	133.4	136.3	134.3
February	132.6	134.9	133.3	133.7	136.8	134.6
March	132.7	135.0	133.4	133.8	136.9	134.7
April	132.8	135.3	133.6	133.9	137.2	134.9
May	132.9	135.4	133.7	134.0	137.3	135.0
June	133.0	135.4	133.8	134.0	137.3	135.0
July	133.5	135.9	134.2	134.5	137.7	135.5
August	134.9	137.1	135.6	135.9	139.0	136.8
September	135.8	138.2	136.6	136.9	140.2	137.9
October	136.1	138.5	136.8	137.1	140.5	138.2
November	136.2	138.6	137.0	137.3	140.6	138.3
December	136.4	138.7	137.1	137.4	140.7	138.4
1992 —						
January	136.4	138.8	137.1	137.4	140.7	138.4
February	136.5	138.8	137.2	137.5	140.8	138.5
March	136.5	138.8	137.2	137.6	140.8	138.6
Percentage change from corresponding month of previous year						
1991 —						
March	4.0	4.8	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.4
April	3.5	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.3	3.9
May	2.8	3.8	3.1	3.0	3.9	3.3
June	2.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.6
July	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.8	2.4
August	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.1
September	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.5
October	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.5
November	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.3
December	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.2
1992 —						
January	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.1
February	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9
March	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9



**TABLE 2. WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Industry	1991										1992		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>													
Mining	133.3	133.5	133.5	133.6	133.6	134.0	134.3	134.5	134.6	134.6	134.6	134.7	134.7
Manufacturing	135.2	135.4	135.5	135.5	135.7	137.5	138.6	138.9	139.1	139.2	139.2	139.3	139.4
Food, beverages and tobacco	132.8	132.9	133.1	133.1	133.2	134.0	135.2	135.8	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.2	136.3
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	143.6	144.4	144.9	144.9	145.0	145.6	148.0	149.5	149.5	149.5	149.5	149.6	149.6
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	132.1	132.3	132.4	132.4	132.4	134.0	135.2	135.6	135.6	135.7	135.7	135.8	135.8
Metal products, machinery and equipment	134.8	135.0	135.1	135.1	135.3	138.1	138.6	138.8	138.8	138.9	138.9	139.0	139.0
Basic metal products	132.2	133.1	133.1	133.1	133.4	136.3	137.1	137.1	137.2	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4
Fabricated metal products; Other machinery and equipment	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.5	141.0	141.3	141.7	141.7	141.7	141.7	141.9	141.9
Transport equipment	133.3	133.3	133.4	133.4	133.8	135.5	136.2	136.2	136.2	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Other manufacturing(a)	138.9	139.1	139.1	139.1	139.3	140.9	142.4	142.8	143.2	143.3	143.3	143.4	143.4
Construction	132.2	132.2	132.2	132.3	133.1	134.5	135.0	135.1	135.2	135.4	135.5	135.5	135.6
Wholesale and retail trade	135.2	135.4	135.5	135.5	135.8	136.7	139.0	139.8	140.0	140.7	140.8	141.1	141.1
Wholesale trade	134.7	134.8	134.9	135.0	135.3	136.5	137.9	138.8	139.0	139.3	139.4	139.6	139.6
Retail trade	135.6	135.8	136.0	136.1	136.3	136.8	139.9	140.7	140.9	141.9	142.1	142.4	142.5
Transport and storage	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.5	133.1	134.1	134.7	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8	135.0	135.0
Finance, property and business services	129.1	129.1	129.2	129.2	130.2	130.6	131.3	131.4	131.7	131.8	131.8	131.9	131.9
Community services	131.9	132.1	132.3	132.3	133.4	134.7	135.5	135.6	135.7	135.7	135.8	135.8	135.8
All industries(b)	132.7	132.8	132.9	133.0	133.5	134.9	135.8	136.1	136.2	136.4	136.4	136.5	136.5
<b>FEMALES</b>													
Manufacturing	138.2	138.7	138.9	138.9	139.1	140.3	142.0	142.6	142.7	142.8	142.8	142.8	142.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	133.7	133.7	134.1	134.1	134.2	135.3	136.6	136.9	137.1	137.2	137.2	137.3	137.3
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	143.5	144.6	144.8	144.8	144.9	145.1	147.5	148.9	149.0	149.0	149.0	149.0	149.0
Metal products, machinery and equipment	137.2	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.8	140.4	141.4	141.5	141.5	141.6	141.6	141.6	141.6
Other manufacturing(a)	139.9	140.4	140.4	140.4	140.7	141.9	144.2	144.8	144.9	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0
Wholesale and retail trade	134.7	135.1	135.1	135.2	135.9	136.7	138.5	139.3	139.3	139.5	139.6	139.7	139.8
Wholesale trade	134.4	134.7	134.7	134.7	135.2	136.2	138.1	138.6	138.6	138.8	138.9	138.9	138.9
Retail trade	134.9	135.4	135.4	135.4	136.3	137.0	138.6	139.6	139.7	139.9	140.0	140.1	140.3
Transport and storage	131.4	131.4	131.6	132.3	132.3	132.9	133.6	133.8	133.8	133.8	133.8	133.8	133.8
Finance, property and business services	130.8	130.9	130.9	130.9	131.6	132.3	133.3	133.4	133.5	133.6	133.6	133.6	133.6
Community services	136.6	136.8	137.0	137.0	137.4	138.6	139.8	139.9	140.0	140.2	140.2	140.2	140.2
All industries(b)	135.0	135.3	135.4	135.4	135.9	137.1	138.2	138.5	138.6	138.7	138.8	138.8	138.8
<b>PERSONS</b>													
Mining	133.3	133.5	133.6	133.6	133.6	134.0	134.4	134.5	134.6	134.7	134.7	134.7	134.8
Manufacturing	135.9	136.1	136.3	136.3	136.5	138.1	139.3	139.7	139.9	140.0	140.0	140.1	140.1
Food, beverages and tobacco	133.0	133.1	133.3	133.4	133.4	134.3	135.6	136.0	136.2	136.3	136.3	136.5	136.5
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	143.6	144.5	144.8	144.8	145.0	145.3	147.6	149.1	149.1	149.2	149.2	149.2	149.2
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	132.8	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.2	134.8	136.1	136.4	136.4	136.5	136.5	136.6	136.6
Metal products, machinery and equipment	135.1	135.4	135.4	135.4	135.6	138.4	139.0	139.2	139.2	139.3	139.3	139.4	139.4
Basic metal products	132.2	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.3	136.2	137.0	137.0	137.1	137.3	137.3	137.3	137.3
Fabricated metal products; Other machinery and equipment	137.3	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.5	140.8	141.3	141.6	141.7	141.7	141.7	141.8	141.8
Transport equipment	134.0	134.0	134.1	134.1	134.5	136.4	137.1	137.1	137.1	137.2	137.2	137.3	137.3
Other manufacturing(a)	139.0	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.5	141.1	142.7	143.1	143.5	143.6	143.6	143.7	143.7
Construction	132.2	132.2	132.2	132.3	133.1	134.4	135.0	135.2	135.3	135.4	135.5	135.6	135.6
Wholesale and retail trade	135.0	135.3	135.4	135.4	135.9	136.7	138.8	139.6	139.8	140.3	140.4	140.6	140.7
Wholesale trade	134.6	134.8	134.9	134.9	135.3	136.4	138.0	138.8	138.9	139.1	139.3	139.4	139.4
Retail trade	135.4	135.6	135.7	135.8	136.3	136.9	139.4	140.3	140.4	141.2	141.3	141.5	141.6
Transport and storage	131.9	131.9	131.9	132.5	133.0	133.9	134.5	134.7	134.7	134.7	134.7	134.8	134.8
Finance, property and business services	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.9	131.4	132.3	132.4	132.6	132.7	132.7	132.7	132.7
Community services	134.4	134.6	134.7	134.8	135.5	136.8	137.8	137.9	137.9	138.1	138.1	138.1	138.1
All industries(b)	133.4	133.6	133.7	133.8	134.2	135.6	136.6	136.8	137.0	137.1	137.1	137.2	137.2

(a) Includes wood, wood products and furniture; non-metallic mineral products; and miscellaneous manufacturing, but does not include all other manufacturing groups.

(b) Excludes employees in the defence forces; agriculture; services to agriculture; and employees in private households employing staff.

Note: Statistics covering a more detailed industry classification may be available on request. See paragraph 31 of the Explanatory Notes.



**TABLE 3. WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : OCCUPATION, AUSTRALIA**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Occupation	1991										1992		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>													
Managers and administrators	129.6	129.7	129.8	129.9	130.5	131.8	132.7	132.9	133.0	133.1	133.2	133.2	133.2
Para-professionals	130.7	131.1	131.1	131.2	132.3	133.8	134.7	134.8	134.8	134.9	134.9	134.9	135.0
Engineering etc	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.2	132.2	132.9	132.9	133.1	133.2	133.2	133.3	133.3
Police	130.5	131.8	131.8	131.8	136.5	137.2	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3
Other para-professionals	131.3	131.4	131.5	131.7	131.9	133.3	133.9	134.0	134.1	134.1	134.1	134.1	134.1
Tradespersons	133.6	133.6	133.7	133.7	134.0	135.5	136.6	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.5	137.6
Metal	134.4	134.5	134.5	134.5	134.6	136.9	137.6	137.8	137.8	138.0	138.0	138.3	138.3
Electrical and electronic	130.8	130.9	130.9	130.9	130.9	132.7	133.2	133.3	133.5	133.7	133.7	133.9	133.9
Building	132.8	132.8	132.9	132.9	133.8	135.0	135.8	135.9	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.2	136.2
Vehicle	135.6	135.6	135.8	135.8	136.0	136.7	139.9	140.2	140.2	141.9	141.9	142.4	142.5
Other	134.9	135.0	135.2	135.3	135.5	136.6	137.7	138.2	138.6	138.6	138.6	138.7	138.7
Clerks	131.1	131.1	131.2	131.2	131.7	133.2	133.9	134.0	134.0	134.1	134.1	134.1	134.1
Salespersons and personal service workers	132.9	133.1	133.1	133.4	134.1	134.8	136.2	137.2	137.5	137.9	138.0	138.1	138.1
Labourers and related workers	133.8	133.9	134.0	134.1	134.3	135.7	136.7	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3	137.4	137.4
Trades assistants and factory hands	135.2	135.3	135.5	135.5	135.6	137.3	138.3	138.6	138.8	138.9	139.0	139.0	139.0
Construction and mining labourers	132.0	132.1	132.1	132.1	132.4	133.7	134.6	134.7	134.7	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8
Other labourers	133.4	133.5	133.6	133.7	134.0	135.2	136.3	136.6	136.7	136.8	137.0	137.0	137.0
All occupation groups	132.7	132.8	132.9	133.0	133.5	134.9	135.8	136.1	136.2	136.4	136.4	136.5	136.5
<b>FEMALES</b>													
Managers and administrators	134.4	134.6	134.8	134.8	135.3	136.4	137.5	137.8	138.0	138.0	138.0	138.2	138.2
Para-professionals	141.7	142.2	142.4	142.4	143.0	144.2	145.8	145.8	145.9	146.0	146.0	146.0	146.0
Registered nurses	147.0	147.6	147.8	147.8	148.0	149.0	150.9	150.9	151.1	151.1	151.1	151.1	151.1
Other para-professionals	132.3	132.6	132.8	132.8	134.3	135.7	136.6	136.7	136.7	136.8	136.9	136.9	136.9
Tradespersons	134.9	135.4	135.8	135.8	135.9	137.0	137.8	138.2	138.4	138.6	138.7	138.9	139.0
Clerks	132.8	132.9	132.9	133.0	133.5	134.8	135.9	136.1	136.1	136.2	136.2	136.2	136.2
Stenographers	132.0	132.1	132.1	132.2	132.7	133.9	134.9	135.1	135.1	135.2	135.2	135.2	135.2
Receptionists	133.6	134.0	134.0	134.1	134.5	136.0	137.1	137.4	137.4	137.5	137.5	137.5	137.5
Salespersons and personal service workers	136.7	137.2	137.3	137.4	138.0	138.6	140.2	140.9	141.1	141.3	141.3	141.5	141.5
Labourers and related workers	134.3	134.5	134.6	134.7	134.8	136.0	137.1	137.4	137.6	137.9	137.9	137.9	137.9
Trades assistants and factory hands	137.5	137.8	138.0	138.0	138.1	140.1	141.2	141.6	141.8	141.8	141.8	141.8	141.8
Cleaners	127.8	127.8	127.9	127.9	128.0	128.6	129.6	129.7	129.7	130.2	130.2	130.3	130.3
Other labourers	134.1	134.3	134.4	134.4	134.6	135.3	136.5	136.8	137.0	137.5	137.5	137.6	137.6
All occupation groups	135.0	135.3	135.4	135.4	135.9	137.1	138.2	138.5	138.6	138.7	138.8	138.8	138.8
<b>PERSONS</b>													
Managers and administrators	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	131.5	132.8	133.7	133.9	134.0	134.1	134.1	134.2	134.2
Para-professionals	134.1	134.5	134.6	134.6	135.6	136.9	138.1	138.1	138.2	138.3	138.3	138.3	138.3
Engineering etc	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.2	132.2	132.9	132.9	133.1	133.1	133.1	133.2	133.3
Registered nurses	146.0	146.6	146.9	146.9	147.0	148.0	149.9	149.9	150.1	150.1	150.1	150.1	150.1
Police	130.6	131.8	131.8	131.8	136.8	137.7	139.8	139.8	139.8	139.8	139.8	139.8	139.8
Other para-professionals	130.9	130.9	131.0	131.2	131.5	132.9	133.4	133.6	133.6	133.7	133.7	133.7	133.7
Tradespersons	133.7	133.8	133.9	133.9	134.1	135.6	136.7	136.9	137.1	137.4	137.4	137.6	137.7
Metal	134.5	134.6	134.6	134.6	134.7	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.9	138.1	138.2	138.4	138.4
Electrical and electronic	131.0	131.0	131.0	131.0	131.1	132.9	133.3	133.5	133.6	133.8	133.8	134.1	134.1
Building	132.8	132.9	132.9	132.9	133.9	135.0	135.8	135.9	136.0	136.1	136.1	136.2	136.3
Vehicle	135.6	135.6	135.8	135.8	135.9	136.7	139.9	140.1	140.1	141.8	141.9	142.4	142.4
Clerks	132.1	132.2	132.2	132.3	132.8	134.2	135.0	135.2	135.2	135.3	135.3	135.3	135.4
Stenographers	131.9	132.0	132.0	132.1	132.6	133.8	134.8	134.9	134.9	135.0	135.0	135.1	135.1
Receptionists	132.8	133.0	133.1	133.1	133.6	135.1	136.0	136.3	136.3	136.3	136.3	136.4	136.4
Salespersons and personal service workers	134.8	135.1	135.2	135.4	136.0	136.7	138.2	139.0	139.3	139.6	139.6	139.8	139.8
Labourers and related workers	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.2	134.4	135.8	136.8	137.1	137.2	137.4	137.4	137.5	137.5
Trades assistants and factory hands	135.7	135.9	136.1	136.1	136.2	137.9	139.0	139.3	139.5	139.6	139.6	139.7	139.7
Construction and mining labourers	132.0	132.1	132.2	132.2	132.5	133.8	134.7	134.8	134.8	134.9	134.9	135.0	135.0
Cleaners	131.8	131.9	132.2	132.2	132.3	133.4	134.4	134.6	134.7	134.9	135.1	135.1	135.2
Other labourers	133.5	133.6	133.7	133.8	134.0	135.1	136.2	136.6	136.7	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.1
All occupation groups	133.4	133.6	133.7	133.8	134.2	135.6	136.6	136.8	137.0	137.1	137.1	137.2	137.2



TABLE 4. WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES  
 FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA  
 BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0

Month	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
MALES									
1991 —									
March	132.2	133.4	132.7	135.0	131.9	132.4	130.4	129.8	132.7
April	132.2	133.7	132.8	135.1	131.9	132.5	130.4	129.8	132.8
May	132.3	133.8	132.9	135.1	132.0	132.6	130.6	129.9	132.9
June	132.4	133.9	133.0	135.2	132.1	132.7	130.6	130.0	133.0
July	132.9	134.3	133.3	135.6	132.6	133.0	133.4	131.4	133.5
August	134.3	135.7	134.4	137.1	133.3	134.2	134.3	135.1	134.9
September	135.3	136.9	135.2	138.5	133.4	135.5	134.4	135.3	135.8
October	135.4	137.1	135.7	138.7	134.3	135.6	134.5	135.3	136.1
November	135.5	137.2	135.9	138.8	134.4	135.6	134.6	135.3	136.2
December	135.7	137.3	136.0	139.1	134.5	135.7	134.6	135.6	136.4
1992 —									
January	135.7	137.4	136.0	139.1	134.5	135.8	135.4	135.6	136.4
February	135.7	137.5	136.3	139.2	134.5	136.0	135.6	135.7	136.5
March	135.8	137.5	136.4	139.3	134.6	136.0	135.6	135.7	136.5
Annual change (%)	2.7	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.8	4.0	4.6	2.8
FEMALES									
1991 —									
March	135.1	135.4	134.5	135.6	134.8	134.0	134.1	133.4	135.0
April	135.4	135.6	134.7	136.3	134.8	134.1	134.2	133.5	135.3
May	135.5	135.7	134.9	136.3	135.2	134.1	134.4	133.5	135.4
June	135.6	135.7	134.9	136.4	135.2	134.3	134.4	133.7	135.4
July	136.1	136.1	135.1	136.5	135.4	134.5	137.0	134.3	135.9
August	137.2	137.4	136.1	137.9	136.2	136.0	137.5	137.0	137.1
September	138.5	138.7	137.5	139.8	136.3	137.1	137.8	137.0	138.2
October	138.7	138.8	137.7	140.1	137.5	137.4	138.2	137.3	138.5
November	138.9	138.9	137.8	140.2	137.5	137.4	138.2	137.3	138.6
December	139.1	138.9	137.9	140.5	137.5	137.4	138.2	137.7	138.7
1992 —									
January	139.1	138.9	137.9	140.5	137.5	137.7	138.2	137.7	138.8
February	139.1	139.0	137.9	140.7	137.5	137.7	138.8	137.7	138.8
March	139.1	139.0	137.9	140.7	137.5	137.7	138.8	137.7	138.8
Annual change (%)	3.0	2.6	2.5	3.7	2.0	2.8	3.5	3.2	2.8
PERSONS									
1991 —									
March	133.1	134.1	133.3	135.2	132.7	132.8	131.9	131.0	133.4
April	133.2	134.3	133.4	135.4	132.8	132.9	131.9	131.1	133.6
May	133.3	134.4	133.5	135.4	133.0	133.0	132.1	131.1	133.7
June	133.4	134.5	133.6	135.5	133.0	133.1	132.2	131.3	133.8
July	133.9	134.9	133.8	135.8	133.4	133.4	134.8	132.4	134.2
August	135.2	136.3	134.9	137.4	134.1	134.6	135.6	135.8	135.6
September	136.3	137.5	135.9	138.9	134.3	135.9	135.8	135.9	136.6
October	136.5	137.6	136.3	139.1	135.2	136.1	136.0	136.0	136.8
November	136.6	137.8	136.5	139.2	135.4	136.1	136.0	136.0	137.0
December	136.7	137.8	136.5	139.5	135.4	136.2	136.0	136.3	137.1
1992 —									
January	136.8	137.9	136.5	139.5	135.4	136.3	136.5	136.3	137.1
February	136.8	137.9	136.8	139.6	135.4	136.4	136.9	136.4	137.2
March	136.8	138.0	136.8	139.7	135.4	136.5	136.9	136.4	137.2
Annual change (%)	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.3	2.0	2.8	3.8	4.1	2.8



**TABLE 5. WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : INDUSTRY, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA**  
**ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE MARCH 1991 TO MARCH 1992**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Industry	Annual change (%)								
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>MALES</b>									
Mining	-0.1	2.0	1.2	1.7	2.5	3.2	2.5	..	1.1
Manufacturing	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	2.0	4.0	3.7	2.8	3.1
Electricity, gas and water	1.7	1.9	3.1	2.7	0.2	0.5	2.8	2.5	1.8
Construction	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.8	1.8	2.1	2.7	2.9	2.5
Wholesale and retail trade	4.6	4.8	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.2	3.4	4.3	4.4
Transport and storage	2.0	2.4	2.8	2.7	1.5	2.2	1.8	2.8	2.3
Communication	2.5	1.2	2.6	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.5	2.5	2.1
Finance, property and business services	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.4	1.6	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.1
Public administration and defence(a)	2.6	2.4	2.1	3.0	2.6	1.2	2.6	3.4	2.5
Community services	2.8	2.8	2.1	3.4	1.5	2.9	9.3	8.7	3.0
Recreation, personal and other services	3.2	4.5	2.6	3.3	1.8	6.7	3.9	3.1	3.5
All industries(b)	2.7	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.8	4.0	4.6	2.8
<b>FEMALES</b>									
Manufacturing	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.4	2.4	3.4	0.0	3.1	3.3
Wholesale and retail trade	4.1	3.9	2.7	3.2	4.7	4.2	5.1	5.3	3.8
Transport and storage	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.7	3.7	4.1	3.5	1.8
Communication	2.4	1.3	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.2	2.5	2.5	2.0
Finance, property and business services	1.9	2.0	2.4	3.1	1.8	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.1
Public administration and defence(a)	2.3	2.3	2.1	4.9	2.9	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.5
Community services	3.0	1.9	2.6	4.5	1.5	2.0	3.5	3.5	2.6
Recreation, personal and other services	4.3	4.1	1.8	4.6	0.8	7.0	3.9	3.1	3.3
All industries(b)	3.0	2.6	2.5	3.7	2.0	2.8	3.5	3.2	2.8

(a) Excludes employees in the defence forces. (b) Excludes employees in the defence forces; agriculture; services to agriculture; and employees in private households employing staff.

Note: Statistics covering a more detailed industry classification may be available on request. See paragraph 31 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 6. WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : OCCUPATION, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA**  
**ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE MARCH 1991 TO MARCH 1992**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Occupation	Annual change (%)								
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>MALES</b>									
Managers and administrators	2.5	3.2	2.2	2.9	1.8	2.7	5.3	3.7	2.8
Professionals	3.0	2.1	2.9	3.4	1.9	3.1	3.4	6.4	2.9
Para-professionals	2.8	4.0	1.8	3.6	1.5	1.9	10.5	9.8	3.2
Tradespersons	3.0	3.0	3.6	3.1	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0
Clerks	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.8	1.9	2.3	2.5	3.0	2.3
Salespersons and personal service workers	4.2	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.2	3.8	3.7	4.8	4.0
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	2.3	3.4	2.2	3.0	1.9	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.6
Labourers and related workers	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	1.9	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.7
All occupation groups	2.7	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.8	4.0	4.6	2.8
<b>FEMALES</b>									
Managers and administrators	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.8	3.9	2.5	2.8
Professionals	2.7	1.2	2.7	5.0	2.2	2.7	3.3	3.1	2.5
Para-professionals	3.1	3.0	3.0	5.3	1.3	0.7	4.3	6.4	3.0
Tradespersons	3.2	3.1	2.7	4.3	1.6	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0
Clerks	2.6	2.6	2.3	3.1	2.2	2.9	3.2	2.6	2.6
Salespersons and personal service workers	3.9	3.4	2.5	4.0	3.0	3.3	3.6	4.7	3.5
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	4.3	2.5	4.2	4.5	3.0	4.3	3.7	4.3	3.3
Labourers and related workers	2.7	3.3	2.3	3.0	0.8	3.2	3.6	3.0	2.7
All occupation groups	3.0	2.6	2.5	3.7	2.0	2.8	3.5	3.2	2.8

Note: Statistics covering a more detailed occupation classification may be available on request. See paragraph 31 of the Explanatory Notes.



**TABLE 7. WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : INDUSTRY, STATES AND TERRITORIES**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Industry	NSW				Vic.				Qld				SA			
	1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992	
	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>																
Mining	135.5	135.3	135.3	135.4	132.2	134.8	134.9	134.9	134.0	135.6	135.6	135.6	132.8	135.0	135.0	135.0
Manufacturing	133.9	137.9	138.0	138.0	136.3	140.5	140.6	140.6	134.3	138.1	138.5	138.5	137.4	141.5	141.6	141.7
Food, beverages and tobacco	131.8	135.8	135.8	135.9	133.1	135.9	136.0	136.0	132.7	135.6	136.3	136.3	137.8	142.4	143.0	143.4
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	152.2	159.3	159.3	159.4	140.9	146.4	146.4	146.4	145.2	148.9	148.9	148.9	142.4	151.2	151.2	151.6
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	128.9	131.8	131.8	131.9	135.8	140.4	140.4	140.4	132.4	136.5	136.6	136.6	148.9	150.3	150.3	150.3
Metal products, machinery and equipment	133.5	137.3	137.3	137.3	134.8	139.3	139.4	139.4	136.9	141.3	141.6	141.6	136.2	139.7	139.7	139.7
Basic metal products	129.6	132.9	132.9	132.9	134.0	145.4	145.4	145.4	131.1	134.0	134.1	134.1	136.4	139.7	139.7	139.7
Fabricated metal products;																
Other machinery and equipment	135.8	139.9	140.0	140.0	137.9	142.3	142.3	142.3	139.1	143.8	144.3	144.3	140.1	145.2	145.3	145.3
Transport equipment	133.7	137.3	137.3	137.3	132.6	135.3	135.4	135.4	135.2	139.8	139.8	139.8	133.7	136.3	136.3	136.3
Other manufacturing(a)	137.9	142.2	142.2	142.2	142.8	148.0	148.1	148.1	131.0	134.5	134.8	135.0	140.2	145.2	145.2	145.2
Construction	131.1	134.2	134.2	134.2	133.7	137.5	137.5	137.5	131.2	134.4	134.8	134.8	133.7	137.5	137.5	137.5
Wholesale and retail trade	134.9	140.9	141.0	141.0	136.9	143.4	143.4	143.4	133.2	137.3	138.4	138.4	137.2	142.3	142.8	142.9
Wholesale trade	134.1	139.1	139.1	139.2	136.3	141.4	141.4	141.4	131.6	136.1	136.8	136.8	136.8	141.2	141.5	141.6
Retail trade	135.6	143.0	143.0	143.0	137.4	145.3	145.3	145.3	134.3	138.2	139.5	139.5	137.6	143.5	144.1	144.2
Transport and storage	130.0	132.7	132.7	132.7	133.4	136.2	136.6	136.6	132.3	135.9	136.1	136.1	135.4	139.1	139.1	139.1
Finance, property and business services	128.2	130.8	130.8	130.9	129.5	132.4	132.4	132.4	130.5	132.8	132.9	132.9	132.2	135.4	135.4	135.4
Community services	133.8	137.5	137.5	137.5	129.2	132.8	132.8	132.8	133.2	136.0	136.0	136.0	133.8	138.3	138.3	138.4
All industries(b)	132.2	135.7	135.7	135.8	133.4	137.4	137.5	137.5	132.7	136.0	136.3	136.4	135.0	139.1	139.2	139.3
<b>FEMALES</b>																
Manufacturing	137.0	141.7	141.7	141.7	139.9	144.4	144.4	144.4	136.4	141.0	141.0	141.0	137.5	142.1	142.2	142.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	132.6	137.1	137.1	137.1	134.9	138.2	138.2	138.2	135.0	137.7	137.7	137.7	133.8	137.2	137.3	137.3
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	148.4	156.0	156.0	156.0	141.9	146.3	146.3	146.3	143.7	151.5	151.5	151.5	145.0	153.3	153.3	153.3
Metal products, machinery and equipment	135.1	138.9	138.9	138.9	138.9	143.8	143.8	143.8	134.2	138.1	138.1	138.1	139.1	143.8	144.0	144.0
Other manufacturing(a)	137.4	141.7	141.7	141.7	144.4	150.4	150.4	150.4	132.9	138.6	138.6	138.6	139.1	144.4	144.4	144.4
Wholesale and retail trade	133.2	138.3	138.3	138.6	137.0	142.3	142.3	142.3	133.8	137.3	137.3	137.5	135.9	139.5	140.3	140.3
Wholesale trade	133.2	137.1	137.1	137.1	137.0	142.2	142.2	142.2	133.4	137.5	137.5	137.5	135.6	141.6	142.1	142.1
Retail trade	133.2	139.3	139.3	139.9	137.0	142.4	142.4	142.4	134.0	137.2	137.2	137.5	136.1	138.7	139.6	139.6
Transport and storage	129.2	131.3	131.3	131.3	133.7	136.2	136.2	136.2	131.5	134.1	134.1	134.1	134.4	136.7	136.7	136.7
Finance, property and business services	128.7	131.2	131.2	131.2	132.4	135.1	135.1	135.1	132.9	136.1	136.1	136.1	132.9	137.0	137.0	137.0
Community services	139.2	143.3	143.3	143.3	134.4	137.0	137.0	137.0	135.2	138.7	138.7	138.7	136.4	142.6	142.6	142.6
All industries(b)	135.1	139.1	139.1	139.1	135.4	138.9	139.0	139.0	134.5	137.9	137.9	137.9	135.6	140.5	140.7	140.7
<b>PERSONS</b>																
Mining	135.5	135.3	135.3	135.4	132.4	135.1	135.1	135.1	134.0	135.6	135.6	135.6	133.3	135.4	135.5	135.5
Manufacturing	134.5	138.7	138.7	138.8	137.3	141.5	141.6	141.6	134.6	138.6	138.9	138.9	137.4	141.7	141.8	141.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	132.0	136.1	136.1	136.2	133.5	136.4	136.4	136.4	133.1	135.9	136.5	136.5	135.9	140.0	140.4	140.6
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	149.8	157.2	157.2	157.2	141.6	146.3	146.3	146.3	144.2	150.7	150.7	150.7	144.3	152.7	152.7	152.8
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	130.3	133.4	133.4	133.5	135.9	140.4	140.4	140.4	132.5	136.6	136.7	136.7	142.3	146.3	146.3	146.3
Metal products, machinery and equipment	133.7	137.5	137.5	137.5	135.6	140.1	140.2	140.2	136.7	141.1	141.3	141.4	136.7	140.4	140.4	140.4
Basic metal products	129.4	132.6	132.6	132.6	134.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	131.2	134.2	134.2	134.2	136.5	139.9	139.9	139.9
Fabricated metal products;																
Other machinery and equipment	135.9	139.9	140.0	140.1	138.1	142.6	142.7	142.7	138.7	143.4	143.8	143.8	139.9	145.1	145.1	145.1
Transport equipment	133.7	137.4	137.4	137.4	133.8	136.8	137.0	137.0	135.1	139.8	139.8	139.8	134.6	137.5	137.5	137.5
Other manufacturing(a)	137.8	142.1	142.1	142.1	143.1	148.5	148.5	148.5	131.2	135.0	135.3	135.4	139.9	145.0	145.0	145.0
Construction	131.2	134.4	134.4	134.4	133.5	137.2	137.2	137.2	131.4	134.5	134.8	134.9	133.8	137.6	137.6	137.6
Wholesale and retail trade	134.3	140.0	140.0	140.1	136.9	143.0	143.1	143.1	133.4	137.3	138.0	138.1	136.7	141.4	141.9	142.0
Wholesale trade	133.8	138.4	138.4	138.5	136.5	141.6	141.6	141.6	132.0	136.4	136.9	137.0	136.5	141.3	141.6	141.7
Retail trade	134.7	141.5	141.5	141.8	137.3	144.2	144.2	144.2	134.2	137.8	138.6	138.8	136.9	141.4	142.1	142.2
Transport and storage	129.9	132.4	132.5	132.5	133.5	136.2	136.6	136.6	132.3	135.8	135.9	135.9	135.3	138.9	138.9	138.9
Finance, property and business services	128.5	131.0	131.0	131.0	131.0	133.8	133.8	133.8	131.6	134.4	134.4	134.4	132.5	136.2	136.2	136.2
Community services	136.7	140.7	140.7	140.7	131.9	135.0	135.0	135.0	134.2	137.4	137.4	137.5	135.1	140.4	140.4	140.5
All industries(b)	133.1	136.8	136.8	136.8	134.1	137.9	137.9	138.0	133.3	136.5	136.8	136.8	135.2	139.5	139.6	139.7

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**TABLE 7. WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : INDUSTRY, STATES AND TERRITORIES—continued**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Industry	WA				Tas.				NT				ACT			
	1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992	
	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>																
Mining	128.7	131.7	131.7	131.9	132.0	135.1	136.3	136.3	133.3	136.7	136.7	136.7	..	..	..	..
Manufacturing	135.2	138.0	138.0	138.0	135.7	140.8	141.2	141.2	132.9	137.8	137.8	137.8	131.3	135.0	135.0	135.0
Food, beverages and tobacco	132.8	133.6	133.6	133.6	132.8	136.9	136.9	137.0	133.5	139.7	139.7	139.7	140.5	145.7	145.7	145.7
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	147.7	160.8	160.8	160.8	140.5	148.2	148.2	148.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	132.9	136.1	136.1	136.1	132.4	135.8	135.8	135.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Metal products, machinery and equipment	137.4	141.3	141.3	141.3	132.2	141.5	141.5	141.5	132.7	137.0	137.0	137.0	131.7	134.4	134.5	134.5
Basic metal products	139.6	144.5	144.5	144.5	131.5	141.6	141.6	141.6	132.0	135.3	135.3	135.3	133.1	134.3	134.3	134.3
Fabricated metal products:																
Other machinery and equipment	137.9	142.2	142.2	142.2	132.0	135.2	135.2	135.2	133.4	139.9	139.9	139.9	131.7	134.6	134.6	134.6
Transport equipment	131.2	132.2	132.2	132.2	138.7	145.5	145.5	145.5	134.1	137.4	137.4	137.4	129.4	129.4	131.5	131.5
Other manufacturing(a)	135.0	137.8	137.8	137.8	147.4	152.5	152.7	152.8	131.6	134.6	134.6	134.6	129.2	132.7	132.7	132.7
Construction	134.6	137.0	137.0	137.0	137.6	140.4	140.5	140.5	130.8	134.2	134.3	134.3	130.0	133.7	133.7	133.7
Wholesale and retail trade	133.9	139.1	139.1	139.1	131.4	136.4	136.5	136.9	133.8	138.4	138.4	138.4	133.1	137.2	138.8	138.8
Wholesale trade	134.2	137.4	137.4	137.4	132.5	136.9	137.0	137.1	132.6	137.3	137.3	137.3	136.1	141.9	141.9	141.9
Retail trade	133.8	139.9	139.9	139.9	130.5	136.1	136.2	136.7	134.3	138.9	138.9	138.9	132.0	135.5	137.7	137.7
Transport and storage	133.1	135.1	135.1	135.1	133.6	136.6	136.6	136.6	131.4	133.7	133.7	133.7	131.6	135.3	135.3	135.3
Finance, property and business services	127.3	129.3	129.3	129.3	130.3	133.9	133.9	133.9	128.6	131.4	131.4	131.4	127.8	130.7	130.7	130.7
Community services	130.3	132.2	132.2	132.2	131.2	134.9	135.0	135.0	129.9	141.9	141.9	141.9	129.2	140.5	140.5	140.5
All industries(b)	131.9	134.5	134.5	134.6	132.4	135.8	136.0	136.0	130.4	135.4	135.6	135.6	129.8	135.6	135.7	135.7
<b>FEMALES</b>																
Manufacturing	135.9	139.2	139.2	139.2	136.2	140.9	140.9	140.9	125.8	125.8	125.8	125.8	132.8	136.9	136.9	136.9
Food, beverages and tobacco	134.5	135.4	135.4	135.4	130.6	133.9	133.9	133.9	125.8	125.8	125.8	125.8	137.7	146.2	146.2	146.2
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	145.6	154.7	154.7	154.7	146.2	154.3	154.3	154.3	..	..	..	..	143.5	150.7	150.7	150.7
Metal products, machinery and equipment	135.4	138.9	138.9	138.9	140.0	144.8	144.8	144.8	..	..	..	..	133.0	138.2	138.2	138.2
Other manufacturing(a)	134.7	138.2	138.2	138.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	140.1	144.9	144.9	144.9
Wholesale and retail trade	136.2	142.7	142.7	142.7	130.8	136.1	136.1	136.2	131.4	137.7	138.1	138.1	134.8	141.3	141.8	141.8
Wholesale trade	134.3	138.8	138.8	138.8	132.6	137.1	137.1	137.4	129.7	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.2	143.4	143.4	143.4
Retail trade	136.8	143.8	143.8	143.8	130.3	135.9	135.9	135.9	132.3	138.6	139.1	139.1	134.6	141.0	141.6	141.6
Transport and storage	135.3	137.6	137.6	137.6	131.3	136.1	136.1	136.1	130.8	136.2	136.2	136.2	132.9	137.5	137.5	137.5
Finance, property and business services	130.7	133.1	133.1	133.1	129.8	133.3	133.3	133.3	130.7	134.1	134.1	134.1	130.6	133.7	133.7	133.7
Community services	136.1	138.1	138.1	138.1	135.1	137.8	137.8	137.8	138.3	143.1	143.1	143.1	135.2	140.0	140.0	140.0
All industries(b)	134.8	137.5	137.5	137.5	134.0	137.7	137.7	137.7	134.1	138.2	138.8	138.8	133.4	137.7	137.7	137.7
<b>PERSONS</b>																
Mining	128.8	131.8	131.8	131.9	132.0	135.1	136.3	136.3	133.4	136.8	136.8	136.8	..	..	..	..
Manufacturing	135.3	138.2	138.2	138.2	135.8	140.8	141.1	141.1	131.9	136.2	136.2	136.2	131.6	135.4	135.4	135.4
Food, beverages and tobacco	133.1	134.0	134.0	134.0	132.3	136.2	136.2	136.2	130.8	134.9	134.9	134.9	138.6	146.0	146.0	146.0
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	145.7	154.9	154.9	154.9	142.7	150.6	150.6	150.6	..	..	..	..	143.5	150.7	150.7	150.7
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	131.7	134.6	134.6	134.6	132.4	135.8	135.8	135.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Metal products, machinery and equipment	137.2	141.1	141.1	141.1	132.4	141.5	141.5	141.5	132.7	137.0	137.0	137.0	131.9	135.1	135.1	135.1
Basic metal products	139.5	144.3	144.3	144.3	131.5	141.6	141.6	141.6	132.0	135.3	135.3	135.3	133.1	134.3	134.3	134.3
Fabricated metal products:																
Other machinery and equipment	137.6	141.8	141.8	141.8	132.0	135.2	135.2	135.2	133.4	139.9	139.9	139.9	132.0	135.2	135.2	135.2
Transport equipment	131.3	132.4	132.4	132.4	138.9	145.4	145.4	145.4	134.1	137.4	137.4	137.4	129.4	129.4	131.5	131.5
Other manufacturing(a)	134.9	137.8	137.8	137.8	147.4	152.5	152.7	152.8	131.6	134.6	134.6	134.6	130.7	134.3	134.3	134.3
Construction	134.5	136.9	136.9	136.9	137.5	140.3	140.5	140.5	130.4	134.1	134.2	134.2	129.9	133.7	133.7	133.7
Wholesale and retail trade	134.6	140.1	140.1	140.1	131.1	136.3	136.4	136.6	132.9	138.2	138.3	138.3	133.7	138.6	139.9	139.9
Wholesale trade	134.2	137.7	137.7	137.7	132.6	137.0	137.0	137.1	131.3	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.1	142.2	142.2	142.2
Retail trade	134.8	141.2	141.2	141.2	130.4	136.0	136.1	136.4	133.6	138.8	139.0	139.0	133.0	137.7	139.2	139.2
Transport and storage	133.3	135.3	135.3	135.3	133.4	136.5	136.5	136.5	131.3	134.2	134.2	134.2	131.8	135.6	135.6	135.6
Finance, property and business services	129.2	131.4	131.4	131.4	130.2	133.7	133.7	133.7	129.6	132.7	132.7	132.7	129.6	132.6	132.6	132.6
Community services	133.3	135.3	135.3	135.3	133.2	136.3	136.4	136.4	135.2	142.7	142.7	142.7	131.9	140.3	140.3	140.3
All industries(b)	132.7	135.4	135.4	135.4	132.8	136.3	136.4	136.5	131.9	136.5	136.9	136.9	131.0	136.3	136.4	136.4

(a) Includes wood, wood products and furniture; non-metallic mineral products; and miscellaneous manufacturing, but does not include all other manufacturing groups.

(b) Excludes employees in the defence forces; agriculture; services to agriculture; and employees in private households employing staff.

Note: Statistics covering a more detailed industry classification may be available on request. See paragraph 31 of the Explanatory Notes.



**TABLE 8. WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : OCCUPATION, STATES AND TERRITORIES**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Occupation	NSW				Vic.				Qld				SA			
	1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992	
	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>																
Managers and administrators	128.7	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.0	135.0	135.1	135.1	129.4	132.3	132.3	132.3	132.9	136.8	136.8	136.8
Para-professionals	131.2	134.7	134.8	134.9	130.0	135.2	135.2	135.2	131.5	133.8	133.9	133.9	132.7	137.4	137.5	137.5
Engineering etc	131.2	134.5	134.8	135.0	128.8	132.0	132.0	132.0	129.3	131.8	132.0	132.0	131.1	135.3	135.3	135.3
Police	132.8	138.6	138.6	138.6	130.4	144.4	144.4	144.4	134.2	134.6	134.6	134.6	132.7	140.7	140.7	140.7
Other para-professionals	130.6	133.2	133.2	133.2	130.8	133.6	133.6	133.6	131.5	134.3	134.3	134.3	133.8	137.6	137.6	137.6
Tradespersons	132.8	136.6	136.7	136.7	134.2	138.1	138.2	138.2	133.6	136.9	138.3	138.4	136.9	141.0	141.0	141.1
Metal	133.1	136.5	136.6	136.6	134.7	138.6	138.6	138.6	136.1	139.5	141.1	141.1	137.0	141.0	141.0	141.0
Electrical and electronic	131.5	134.7	134.7	134.7	128.3	130.9	130.9	130.9	130.6	133.2	135.2	135.2	135.8	139.0	139.0	139.0
Building	130.4	133.1	133.1	133.1	136.1	139.7	139.7	139.7	131.8	135.6	136.4	136.7	134.9	138.4	138.4	138.4
Vehicle	134.7	142.5	142.5	142.5	136.5	144.2	144.2	144.2	135.8	139.5	142.9	142.9	139.5	145.7	145.7	145.7
Other	134.5	138.5	138.6	138.6	136.5	140.1	140.3	140.3	133.5	136.7	136.8	136.8	137.8	142.5	142.5	142.7
Clerks	130.8	133.8	133.8	133.8	130.6	133.5	133.6	133.6	132.0	134.8	134.8	134.8	132.4	135.9	136.0	136.0
Salespersons and personal service workers	130.7	136.2	136.2	136.2	134.9	140.1	140.2	140.2	132.4	137.3	137.4	137.4	135.0	139.8	140.4	140.4
Labourers and related workers	132.4	135.7	135.7	135.7	135.6	139.6	139.7	139.7	133.6	137.0	137.1	137.1	136.5	140.4	140.4	140.5
Trades assistants and factory hands	133.5	137.3	137.3	137.3	137.5	141.5	141.6	141.6	133.8	137.3	137.5	137.5	138.2	142.0	142.0	142.1
Construction and mining labourers	129.8	132.2	132.2	132.2	134.9	138.1	138.2	138.2	132.5	135.7	135.8	135.8	134.4	138.1	138.1	138.1
Other labourers	132.9	136.1	136.1	136.1	133.7	138.1	138.1	138.1	133.7	137.2	137.3	137.3	135.6	139.6	139.8	139.9
All occupation groups	132.2	135.7	135.7	135.8	133.4	137.4	137.5	137.5	132.7	136.0	136.3	136.4	135.0	139.1	139.2	139.3
<b>FEMALES</b>																
Managers and administrators	133.6	137.7	137.7	137.7	135.0	138.5	138.7	138.7	135.0	138.9	138.9	138.9	133.7	137.2	137.3	137.3
Para-professionals	141.8	146.1	146.1	146.2	146.0	150.4	150.4	150.4	137.5	141.7	141.7	141.7	138.1	145.3	145.4	145.4
Registered nurses	146.7	150.6	150.6	150.6	155.3	159.6	159.6	159.6	139.3	144.3	144.3	144.3	140.1	148.7	148.7	148.7
Other para-professionals	133.7	138.7	138.7	138.8	132.4	136.8	136.8	136.8	133.3	135.4	135.4	135.4	134.4	139.5	139.6	139.6
Tradespersons	135.2	139.6	139.6	139.6	135.1	138.6	139.3	139.3	133.2	136.3	136.3	136.8	138.3	144.2	144.3	144.3
Clerks	132.7	136.1	136.1	136.2	132.3	135.8	135.8	135.8	133.6	136.8	136.8	136.8	133.4	137.5	137.6	137.6
Stenographers	132.1	135.0	135.0	135.1	131.3	134.7	134.7	134.7	132.2	134.8	134.8	134.8	133.7	137.9	138.0	138.0
Receptionists	132.9	137.1	137.1	137.1	133.4	137.2	137.3	137.3	134.4	137.7	137.7	137.7	134.2	138.2	138.3	138.3
Salespersons and personal service workers	136.3	141.4	141.5	141.5	138.6	143.2	143.3	143.3	135.3	138.7	138.7	138.7	136.8	141.5	142.2	142.2
Labourers and related workers	132.4	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.3	140.7	140.7	140.7	133.8	136.8	136.8	136.8	137.6	141.5	141.6	141.6
Trades assistants and factory hands	135.6	140.1	140.1	140.1	139.3	143.8	143.8	143.8	134.7	138.1	138.1	138.1	140.3	144.5	144.6	144.6
Cleaners	122.0	123.7	123.7	123.7	132.6	137.1	137.2	137.2	133.0	135.8	135.8	135.8	135.3	138.6	138.6	138.6
Other labourers	135.2	138.9	138.9	138.9	132.8	137.1	137.1	137.1	133.8	136.7	136.7	136.8	135.9	139.9	140.0	140.0
All occupation groups	135.1	139.1	139.1	139.1	135.4	138.9	139.0	139.0	134.5	137.9	137.9	137.9	135.6	140.5	140.7	140.7
<b>PERSONS</b>																
Managers and administrators	129.5	132.8	132.9	132.9	132.0	135.9	136.1	136.1	130.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.1	136.9	136.9	136.9
Para-professionals	134.4	138.1	138.2	138.2	135.2	140.1	140.2	140.2	133.1	136.0	136.0	136.0	134.0	139.3	139.3	139.3
Engineering etc	131.1	134.5	134.7	134.9	128.9	132.0	132.0	132.0	129.3	131.7	132.0	132.0	131.2	135.3	135.3	135.3
Registered nurses	146.8	150.7	150.7	150.7	151.1	155.0	155.0	155.0	139.4	144.4	144.4	144.4	140.1	148.6	148.6	148.6
Police	132.6	139.0	139.0	139.0	130.5	144.6	144.6	144.6	134.2	134.6	134.6	134.6	132.9	140.6	140.6	140.6
Other para-professionals	130.3	133.0	133.1	133.1	131.4	134.3	134.4	134.4	131.0	133.5	133.6	133.6	133.7	137.6	137.6	137.6
Tradespersons	133.0	136.9	136.9	136.9	134.3	138.2	138.3	138.3	133.6	136.8	138.1	138.3	136.9	141.2	141.2	141.2
Metal	133.2	136.6	136.7	136.8	134.8	138.8	138.8	138.8	136.1	139.6	141.1	141.1	137.1	141.1	141.1	141.1
Electrical and electronic	131.9	135.2	135.2	135.2	128.1	130.5	130.5	130.5	130.7	133.3	135.2	135.2	135.8	139.0	139.0	139.0
Building	130.5	133.1	133.1	133.1	136.2	139.7	139.7	139.7	131.9	135.7	136.5	136.8	134.9	138.4	138.4	138.4
Vehicle	134.7	142.4	142.5	142.5	136.4	143.9	143.9	143.9	135.8	139.5	142.8	142.8	139.4	145.7	145.7	145.7
Clerks	132.0	135.2	135.2	135.2	131.6	134.9	134.9	134.9	132.9	135.9	135.9	135.9	133.0	136.8	136.9	136.9
Stenographers	131.7	134.6	134.6	134.7	131.4	134.7	134.7	134.7	132.1	134.7	134.7	134.7	133.6	137.8	137.9	137.9
Receptionists	132.3	136.1	136.1	136.1	132.3	135.9	135.9	135.9	133.3	136.5	136.5	136.5	133.8	137.6	137.6	137.6
Salespersons and personal service workers	133.6	138.9	139.0	139.0	136.5	141.5	141.6	141.6	133.8	138.0	138.0	138.0	135.8	140.5	141.2	141.2
Labourers and related workers	132.4	135.7	135.7	135.7	135.7	139.9	139.9	139.9	133.6	137.0	137.0	137.1	136.8	140.7	140.7	140.8
Trades assistants and factory hands	134.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	142.2	142.2	142.2	133.9	137.4	137.6	137.6	138.7	142.6	142.6	142.7
Construction and mining labourers	129.9	132.3	132.3	132.3	134.8	138.2	138.3	138.3	132.5	135.7	135.9	135.9	134.1	137.8	137.8	137.8
Cleaners	128.7	130.9	130.9	130.9	134.5	139.4	139.4	139.4	133.4	137.1	137.2	137.2	135.8	139.7	139.7	139.7
Other labourers	133.5	137.0	137.0	137.0	133.0	137.1	137.2	137.2	133.8	136.9	137.0	137.0	135.8	139.8	139.9	140.0
All occupation groups	133.1	136.8	136.8	136.8	134.1	137.9	137.9	138.0	133.3	136.5	136.8	136.8	135.2	139.5	139.6	139.7

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**TABLE 8. WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : OCCUPATION, STATES AND TERRITORIES—continued**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Occupation	WA				Tas.				NT				ACT			
	1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992	
	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>																
Managers and administrators	129.8	132.2	132.2	132.2	128.2	131.6	131.6	131.6	127.5	134.3	134.3	134.3	128.5	133.2	133.2	133.2
Para-professionals	128.9	130.8	130.8	130.8	130.6	133.1	133.1	133.1	126.7	140.0	140.0	140.0	128.7	141.3	141.3	141.3
Engineering etc	129.6	131.4	131.4	131.4	129.0	131.2	131.2	131.2	128.0	131.0	131.0	131.0	128.0	132.6	132.6	132.6
Police	122.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.6	128.7	128.7	128.7	122.8	151.9	151.9	151.9	125.9	152.3	152.3	152.3
Other para-professionals	130.8	132.4	132.4	132.4	133.6	136.2	136.2	136.2	132.4	135.7	136.0	136.0	131.1	137.7	137.7	137.7
Tradespersons	132.3	135.3	135.3	135.3	133.1	136.1	136.4	136.4	131.2	134.1	134.5	134.5	131.4	134.8	134.8	134.8
Metal	134.4	137.8	137.8	137.8	133.0	137.1	138.0	138.0	132.3	136.2	136.2	136.2	128.4	134.3	134.3	134.3
Electrical and electronic	131.0	133.8	133.8	133.8	129.5	131.0	131.1	131.1	129.6	131.5	131.5	131.5	131.7	134.6	134.6	134.6
Building	131.4	134.3	134.3	134.3	135.5	139.1	139.3	139.3	129.8	136.5	136.5	136.5	130.6	133.6	133.6	133.6
Vehicle	133.4	137.6	137.6	137.6	132.6	134.9	134.9	135.5	134.2	137.8	137.8	137.8	132.8	134.7	134.8	134.9
Other	131.6	134.1	134.1	134.1	136.5	140.9	141.1	141.1	129.4	130.7	134.0	134.0	131.7	135.5	135.5	135.5
Clerks	131.7	134.3	134.3	134.3	130.8	133.8	133.8	133.8	129.9	133.1	133.1	133.1	129.8	133.7	133.7	133.7
Salespersons and personal service workers	134.0	138.3	138.3	138.3	131.8	136.7	136.7	136.8	132.1	135.7	137.0	137.0	131.3	136.2	137.7	137.7
Labourers and related workers	132.9	135.4	135.4	135.4	134.3	138.4	138.7	138.8	131.8	135.4	135.7	135.7	130.4	133.9	134.3	134.3
Trades assistants and factory hands	134.1	136.8	136.8	136.8	134.8	138.7	138.8	139.0	132.4	136.1	136.1	136.1	130.2	134.1	134.5	134.5
Construction and mining labourers	131.8	134.0	134.0	134.0	135.0	138.1	138.3	138.3	130.8	134.9	134.9	134.9	130.0	133.5	133.6	133.6
Other labourers	132.5	135.0	135.0	135.0	133.6	138.3	138.8	138.8	132.1	135.3	136.1	136.1	130.8	134.1	134.6	134.6
All occupation groups	131.9	134.5	134.5	134.6	132.4	135.8	136.0	136.0	130.4	135.4	135.6	135.6	129.8	135.6	135.7	135.7
<b>FEMALES</b>																
Managers and administrators	137.5	140.7	140.7	140.7	130.1	133.7	133.8	133.8	136.8	141.0	142.2	142.2	130.7	134.0	134.0	134.0
Para-professionals	139.9	141.7	141.7	141.7	143.2	144.2	144.2	144.2	141.8	147.9	147.9	147.9	141.3	150.3	150.3	150.3
Registered nurses	145.6	147.6	147.6	147.6	149.3	149.3	149.3	149.3	145.0	149.2	149.2	149.2	154.0	158.5	158.5	158.5
Other para-professionals	128.0	129.3	129.3	129.3	130.4	133.5	133.5	133.5	131.3	143.7	143.7	143.7	129.9	143.0	143.0	143.0
Tradespersons	134.3	136.4	136.4	136.4	131.9	135.6	135.7	135.7	130.0	133.2	133.5	133.5	135.4	138.9	139.1	139.1
Clerks	133.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	132.7	136.6	136.6	136.6	130.2	134.1	134.3	134.3	132.2	135.7	135.7	135.7
Stenographers	131.8	134.1	134.1	134.1	132.8	136.3	136.3	136.3	129.2	134.1	134.3	134.3	133.8	137.2	137.2	137.2
Receptionists	134.6	137.6	137.6	137.6	139.6	145.8	145.8	145.8	132.1	136.0	136.0	136.0	131.8	135.1	135.1	135.1
Salespersons and personal service workers	137.7	141.9	141.9	141.9	133.5	137.9	137.9	137.9	134.8	137.5	139.6	139.6	136.9	142.9	143.4	143.4
Labourers and related workers	133.7	134.7	134.7	134.7	132.5	136.5	136.8	136.8	131.5	134.1	136.3	136.3	134.5	138.3	138.6	138.6
Trades assistants and factory hands	136.1	138.6	138.6	138.6	133.2	137.1	137.1	137.1	135.0	138.1	138.4	138.4	134.1	139.1	139.5	139.5
Cleaners	129.9	130.5	130.5	130.5	133.6	137.7	137.7	137.7	132.5	134.7	136.4	136.4	132.5	132.5	132.5	132.5
Other labourers	134.3	135.1	135.1	135.1	131.9	136.0	136.4	136.4	130.6	133.3	136.0	136.0	137.9	142.5	142.5	142.5
All occupation groups	134.8	137.5	137.5	137.5	134.0	137.7	137.7	137.7	134.1	138.2	138.8	138.8	133.4	137.7	137.7	137.7
<b>PERSONS</b>																
Managers and administrators	132.0	134.6	134.6	134.6	128.4	131.9	131.9	131.9	129.2	135.4	135.7	135.7	128.7	133.3	133.3	133.3
Para-professionals	133.2	135.0	135.0	135.0	134.1	136.2	136.2	136.2	133.4	143.5	143.5	143.5	131.9	143.6	143.6	143.6
Engineering etc	129.5	131.4	131.4	131.4	129.1	131.3	131.3	131.3	128.0	131.1	131.1	131.1	128.1	132.6	132.6	132.6
Registered nurses	144.9	146.8	146.8	146.8	149.4	149.5	149.5	149.5	145.1	149.3	149.3	149.3	155.2	160.1	160.1	160.1
Police	122.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.7	128.8	128.8	128.8	123.3	152.1	152.1	152.1	125.9	152.4	152.4	152.4
Other para-professionals	128.9	130.4	130.4	130.4	130.0	133.2	133.2	133.2	132.6	136.0	136.2	136.2	129.7	135.9	135.9	135.9
Tradespersons	132.4	135.4	135.4	135.4	133.0	136.1	136.3	136.4	131.2	134.1	134.5	134.5	131.7	135.0	135.1	135.1
Metal	134.4	137.8	137.8	137.8	132.9	137.0	137.8	137.9	132.3	136.2	136.2	136.2	128.4	134.3	134.3	134.3
Electrical and electronic	131.0	133.8	133.8	133.8	129.5	131.0	131.1	131.1	129.6	131.5	131.5	131.5	132.4	135.4	135.4	135.4
Building	131.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	135.5	139.1	139.3	139.3	129.8	136.5	136.5	136.5	130.6	133.6	133.6	133.6
Vehicle	133.4	137.5	137.5	137.5	132.6	134.9	134.9	135.5	134.2	137.8	137.8	137.8	132.7	134.6	134.8	134.8
Clerks	132.4	135.2	135.2	135.2	131.7	135.1	135.1	135.1	130.1	133.8	133.9	133.9	131.1	134.8	134.8	134.8
Stenographers	132.0	134.3	134.3	134.3	132.7	136.2	136.2	136.2	129.3	134.2	134.3	134.3	133.4	136.9	136.9	136.9
Receptionists	133.8	136.6	136.6	136.6	136.5	141.4	141.4	141.4	131.4	135.2	135.2	135.2	131.0	134.6	134.6	134.6
Salespersons and personal service workers	136.0	140.2	140.2	140.2	132.6	137.3	137.3	137.3	134.2	137.1	139.1	139.1	133.9	139.3	140.3	140.3
Labourers and related workers	133.1	135.3	135.3	135.3	133.9	138.0	138.3	138.3	131.7	134.9	135.9	135.9	130.8	134.3	134.7	134.7
Trades assistants and factory hands	134.3	137.0	137.0	137.0	134.6	138.5	138.6	138.8	132.7	136.3	136.4	136.4	130.8	134.9	135.2	135.2
Construction and mining labourers	131.7	133.9	133.9	134.0	134.8	138.0	138.1	138.1	131.1	135.1	135.1	135.1	130.0	133.5	133.6	133.6
Cleaners	132.4	133.4	133.4	133.4	134.4	139.4	140.1	140.1	132.9	135.6	136.6	136.6	130.3	132.4	132.9	132.9
Other labourers	132.9	135.0	135.0	135.0	132.9	137.2	137.6	137.6	131.1	134.0	135.8	135.8	132.0	136.1	136.6	136.6
All occupation groups	132.7	135.4	135.4	135.4	132.8	136.3	136.4	136.5	131.9	136.5	136.9	136.9	131.0	136.3	136.4	136.4

Note: Statistics covering a more detailed occupation classification may be available on request. See paragraph 31 of the Explanatory Notes.



**TABLE 9. HOURLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : INDUSTRY, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Industry	NSW				Vic.				Qld			
	1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992	
	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>												
Mining	135.6	135.3	135.4	135.4	133.3	136.0	136.0	136.0	134.5	136.1	136.1	136.1
Manufacturing	134.9	139.0	139.0	139.0	137.2	141.4	141.4	141.4	136.2	140.1	140.5	140.6
Food, beverages and tobacco	132.9	136.8	136.9	136.9	134.9	137.8	137.8	137.8	134.8	137.7	138.4	138.4
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	152.5	159.6	159.6	159.7	141.4	146.9	146.9	146.9	145.2	148.9	148.9	148.9
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	130.8	133.7	133.7	133.8	136.3	141.0	141.0	141.0	133.8	137.6	137.8	137.8
Metal products, machinery and equipment	133.9	137.7	137.7	137.8	135.1	139.6	139.7	139.7	138.3	142.8	143.1	143.1
Basic metal products	129.7	133.0	133.0	133.0	134.3	145.7	145.7	145.7	132.7	135.7	135.7	135.7
Fabricated metal products;												
Other machinery and equipment	136.3	140.4	140.5	140.5	138.3	142.8	142.8	142.8	139.6	144.3	144.8	144.8
Transport equipment	134.3	138.0	138.0	138.0	132.8	135.5	135.6	135.6	139.0	143.7	143.8	143.8
Other manufacturing(a)	138.4	142.6	142.7	142.7	143.2	148.4	148.5	148.5	134.4	138.0	138.3	138.5
Construction	131.3	134.4	134.4	134.4	133.9	137.7	137.7	137.7	133.7	137.0	137.3	137.4
Wholesale and retail trade	138.2	144.5	144.5	144.6	139.4	146.1	146.1	146.1	136.4	140.6	141.7	141.7
Wholesale trade	136.7	141.8	141.8	141.9	138.2	143.5	143.5	143.5	133.2	137.6	138.3	138.3
Retail trade	139.8	147.4	147.4	147.4	140.4	148.5	148.6	148.6	138.6	142.6	144.0	144.0
Transport and storage	131.3	133.4	133.4	133.4	133.6	136.4	136.8	136.8	136.7	140.4	140.6	140.6
Finance, property and business services	129.8	132.4	132.5	132.5	130.6	133.5	133.5	133.5	131.7	134.2	134.3	134.3
Community services	133.6	137.1	137.1	137.1	129.6	133.1	133.1	133.1	134.6	137.1	137.2	137.2
All industries(b)	133.0	136.5	136.6	136.6	134.3	138.3	138.4	138.4	134.7	138.0	138.4	138.4
<b>FEMALES</b>												
Manufacturing	139.5	144.3	144.3	144.3	141.4	145.9	145.9	145.9	139.2	143.9	143.9	143.9
Food, beverages and tobacco	133.8	138.4	138.4	138.4	137.2	140.6	140.6	140.6	138.3	141.0	141.0	141.0
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	148.6	156.2	156.2	156.2	142.4	146.9	146.9	146.9	144.1	151.9	151.9	151.9
Metal products, machinery and equipment	137.7	141.6	141.6	141.6	140.9	145.8	145.8	145.8	138.9	143.0	143.0	143.0
Other manufacturing(a)	140.4	144.7	144.7	144.8	146.1	152.1	152.1	152.1	136.6	142.3	142.3	142.3
Wholesale and retail trade	136.7	141.9	141.9	142.2	141.0	146.4	146.4	146.4	138.5	142.1	142.1	142.3
Wholesale trade	137.6	141.6	141.6	141.6	142.3	147.7	147.7	147.7	139.2	143.5	143.5	143.5
Retail trade	135.9	142.1	142.1	142.7	140.3	145.8	145.8	145.8	138.3	141.6	141.6	141.9
Transport and storage	130.6	131.9	131.9	131.9	137.1	139.8	139.8	139.8	133.6	136.3	136.3	136.3
Finance, property and business services	134.7	137.6	137.6	137.6	134.4	137.2	137.2	137.2	136.3	139.9	139.9	139.9
Community services	139.6	143.7	143.7	143.7	135.3	137.9	137.9	137.9	136.8	140.3	140.3	140.3
All industries(b)	137.2	141.2	141.2	141.3	137.1	140.7	140.7	140.7	136.8	140.2	140.2	140.2
<b>PERSONS</b>												
Mining	135.6	135.4	135.4	135.5	133.7	136.4	136.5	136.5	134.6	136.2	136.2	136.2
Manufacturing	135.8	140.1	140.1	140.1	138.3	142.6	142.6	142.6	136.7	140.7	141.1	141.1
Food, beverages and tobacco	133.1	137.2	137.2	137.3	135.3	138.3	138.3	138.3	135.4	138.3	138.9	138.9
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	150.0	157.5	157.5	157.5	142.1	146.9	146.9	146.9	144.4	151.0	151.0	151.0
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	133.4	136.6	136.7	136.7	136.8	141.4	141.4	141.4	134.7	138.5	138.7	138.7
Metal products, machinery and equipment	134.4	138.2	138.3	138.3	136.2	140.7	140.8	140.8	138.4	142.8	143.1	143.1
Basic metal products	129.5	132.8	132.8	132.8	134.8	145.9	145.9	145.9	133.1	136.1	136.2	136.2
Fabricated metal products;												
Other machinery and equipment	136.9	141.0	141.0	141.1	139.0	143.6	143.6	143.6	139.6	144.2	144.7	144.7
Transport equipment	134.4	138.1	138.1	138.1	134.1	137.2	137.3	137.3	139.0	143.8	143.8	143.8
Other manufacturing(a)	138.8	143.1	143.1	143.1	143.7	149.1	149.1	149.1	134.7	138.5	138.8	139.0
Construction	131.7	134.8	134.9	134.9	133.8	137.6	137.6	137.6	133.9	137.1	137.5	137.5
Wholesale and retail trade	137.7	143.5	143.6	143.7	139.9	146.2	146.2	146.2	137.1	141.1	141.8	141.9
Wholesale trade	137.0	141.7	141.8	141.8	139.2	144.5	144.5	144.5	134.5	138.9	139.4	139.5
Retail trade	138.3	145.3	145.3	145.6	140.4	147.5	147.5	147.5	138.5	142.3	143.1	143.2
Transport and storage	131.2	133.2	133.2	133.2	134.1	136.9	137.2	137.2	136.5	140.2	140.3	140.3
Finance, property and business services	132.0	134.7	134.8	134.8	132.6	135.5	135.5	135.5	133.9	136.9	137.0	137.0
Community services	136.9	140.8	140.8	140.8	132.6	135.6	135.6	135.6	135.8	138.8	138.8	138.9
All industries(b)	134.3	138.0	138.0	138.0	135.2	139.1	139.1	139.1	135.3	138.7	138.9	139.0

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**TABLE 9. HOURLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : INDUSTRY, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA—continued**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Industry	SA				WA				Tas.			
	1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992	
	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>												
Mining	132.9	135.1	135.2	135.2	128.9	131.9	131.9	132.1	133.3	136.3	137.5	137.5
Manufacturing	137.9	142.1	142.2	142.3	135.7	138.5	138.5	138.5	136.6	141.7	142.1	142.1
Food, beverages and tobacco	139.1	143.8	144.4	144.8	134.0	135.0	135.0	135.0	136.4	140.7	140.7	140.7
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	144.5	153.4	153.4	153.8	147.7	160.8	160.8	160.8	140.6	148.3	148.3	148.3
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	148.9	150.3	150.3	150.3	132.9	136.1	136.1	136.1	132.6	136.0	136.0	136.0
Metal products, machinery and equipment	136.3	139.8	139.8	139.8	137.5	141.5	141.5	141.5	132.4	141.6	141.6	141.6
Basic metal products	136.6	140.0	140.0	140.0	139.6	144.5	144.5	144.5	131.5	141.6	141.6	141.6
Fabricated metal products; Other machinery and equipment	140.2	145.3	145.4	145.4	138.2	142.5	142.5	142.5	132.0	135.2	135.2	135.2
Transport equipment	133.7	136.3	136.3	136.3	131.3	132.3	132.3	132.3	140.3	147.3	147.3	147.3
Other manufacturing(a)	140.3	145.4	145.4	145.4	135.1	137.9	137.9	137.9	147.6	152.7	152.8	152.9
Construction	134.8	138.6	138.6	138.6	135.1	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.9	140.7	140.8	140.8
Wholesale and retail trade	140.6	145.9	146.4	146.4	136.3	141.6	141.6	141.6	135.8	141.1	141.2	141.5
Wholesale trade	139.1	143.6	143.9	144.0	135.9	139.2	139.2	139.2	134.5	139.0	139.0	139.1
Retail trade	142.1	148.3	148.9	149.0	136.6	142.9	142.9	142.9	136.7	142.6	142.7	143.3
Transport and storage	135.5	139.3	139.3	139.3	133.4	135.4	135.4	135.4	134.1	137.0	137.0	137.0
Finance, property and business services	133.3	136.2	136.2	136.2	127.7	129.8	129.8	129.8	131.1	134.6	134.6	134.6
Community services	134.8	139.5	139.5	139.5	131.0	132.5	132.5	132.5	131.8	135.5	135.6	135.6
All industries(b)	136.0	140.2	140.3	140.3	132.6	135.3	135.3	135.3	133.3	136.8	137.0	137.0
<b>FEMALES</b>												
Manufacturing	140.0	144.7	144.8	144.8	137.8	141.1	141.1	141.1	137.0	141.7	141.7	141.7
Food, beverages and tobacco	139.0	142.5	142.7	142.7	135.4	136.3	136.3	136.3	131.7	135.0	135.0	135.0
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	145.2	153.4	153.4	153.4	145.6	154.7	154.7	154.7	146.2	154.4	154.4	154.4
Metal products, machinery and equipment	139.8	144.6	144.8	144.8	138.2	141.8	141.8	141.8	140.0	144.8	144.8	144.8
Other manufacturing(a)	140.4	145.8	145.8	145.8	139.1	142.8	142.8	142.8	..	..	..	..
Wholesale and retail trade	141.9	145.6	146.4	146.4	141.7	148.4	148.4	148.4	137.0	142.6	142.6	142.7
Wholesale trade	141.9	148.2	148.8	148.8	139.9	144.6	144.6	144.6	136.1	140.7	140.7	141.0
Retail trade	141.9	144.6	145.6	145.6	142.1	149.4	149.4	149.4	137.2	143.1	143.1	143.1
Transport and storage	135.8	138.1	138.1	138.2	138.7	141.0	141.0	141.0	137.9	142.9	142.9	142.9
Finance, property and business services	136.6	140.9	140.9	140.9	131.3	133.7	133.7	133.7	131.4	134.9	134.9	134.9
Community services	137.0	142.2	142.2	142.2	137.4	139.4	139.4	139.4	135.2	137.8	137.8	137.8
All industries(b)	138.1	142.7	142.8	142.8	136.4	139.3	139.3	139.3	135.3	139.0	139.1	139.1
<b>PERSONS</b>												
Mining	133.7	135.9	135.9	135.9	129.0	132.0	132.0	132.2	133.3	136.3	137.5	137.5
Manufacturing	138.4	142.7	142.8	142.9	136.0	139.0	139.0	139.0	136.7	141.7	142.0	142.1
Food, beverages and tobacco	139.0	143.2	143.6	143.8	134.3	135.3	135.3	135.3	135.3	139.3	139.3	139.3
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	145.0	153.4	153.4	153.5	145.7	154.9	154.9	154.9	142.7	150.6	150.6	150.6
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	145.4	149.5	149.5	149.5	131.7	134.6	134.6	134.6	132.6	136.0	136.0	136.0
Metal products, machinery and equipment	136.9	140.6	140.6	140.6	137.6	141.5	141.5	141.5	132.5	141.7	141.7	141.7
Basic metal products	136.8	140.3	140.3	140.3	139.6	144.5	144.5	144.5	131.5	141.6	141.6	141.6
Fabricated metal products; Other machinery and equipment	140.3	145.5	145.5	145.5	138.2	142.4	142.4	142.4	132.0	135.2	135.2	135.2
Transport equipment	134.6	137.5	137.5	137.5	131.6	132.7	132.7	132.7	140.3	146.8	146.8	146.8
Other manufacturing(a)	140.4	145.4	145.5	145.5	135.4	138.2	138.2	138.2	147.6	152.7	152.8	152.9
Construction	134.9	138.8	138.8	138.8	135.0	137.5	137.5	137.5	137.8	140.6	140.7	140.7
Wholesale and retail trade	141.0	145.8	146.4	146.4	137.9	143.6	143.6	143.6	136.2	141.7	141.7	142.0
Wholesale trade	139.7	144.6	144.9	145.0	136.8	140.4	140.4	140.4	134.8	139.3	139.4	139.5
Retail trade	142.0	146.7	147.5	147.5	138.4	145.1	145.1	145.1	136.9	142.8	142.9	143.2
Transport and storage	135.6	139.1	139.1	139.1	134.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	134.5	137.7	137.7	137.7
Finance, property and business services	135.0	138.6	138.6	138.6	129.7	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.2	134.7	134.7	134.7
Community services	135.9	140.8	140.8	140.8	134.6	136.3	136.3	136.3	133.5	136.7	136.7	136.7
All industries(b)	136.6	140.9	141.0	141.0	133.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	133.8	137.3	137.5	137.5

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**TABLE 9. HOURLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES**  
**FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES : INDUSTRY, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA—continued**  
**BASE : JUNE 1985 = 100.0**

Industry	NT				ACT				Aust.			
	1991		1992		1991		1992		1991		1992	
	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>MALES</b>												
Mining	133.3	136.7	136.7	136.7	..	..	..	..	133.6	134.9	135.0	135.1
Manufacturing	135.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	131.3	135.0	135.0	135.0	136.2	140.3	140.4	140.4
Food, beverages and tobacco	140.3	146.9	146.9	146.9	140.5	145.7	145.7	145.7	134.4	137.7	137.9	137.9
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	144.1	150.0	150.0	150.1
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	133.3	137.0	137.0	137.0
Metal products, machinery and equipment	132.7	137.0	137.0	137.0	131.7	134.4	134.5	134.5	135.2	139.4	139.5	139.5
Basic metal products	132.0	135.3	135.3	135.3	133.1	134.3	134.3	134.3	132.5	137.7	137.7	137.7
Fabricated metal products;												
Other machinery and equipment	133.4	139.9	139.9	139.9	131.7	134.6	134.6	134.6	137.8	142.2	142.3	142.3
Transport equipment	134.1	137.4	137.4	137.4	129.4	129.4	131.5	131.5	133.9	136.9	137.0	137.0
Other manufacturing(a)	131.6	134.6	134.6	134.6	129.2	132.7	132.7	132.7	139.6	144.1	144.1	144.2
Construction	130.9	134.3	134.4	134.4	129.7	133.6	133.6	133.6	132.9	136.1	136.2	136.2
Wholesale and retail trade	135.3	140.0	140.0	140.0	133.7	137.8	139.4	139.4	138.2	143.9	144.2	144.3
Wholesale trade	134.4	139.2	139.2	139.2	136.3	142.1	142.1	142.1	136.8	141.7	141.8	141.8
Retail trade	135.6	140.2	140.2	140.2	132.7	136.2	138.4	138.4	139.4	146.0	146.4	146.4
Transport and storage	132.4	134.8	134.8	134.8	132.0	135.7	135.7	135.7	133.4	136.1	136.2	136.3
Finance, property and business services	129.1	132.0	132.0	132.0	128.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	130.4	133.1	133.1	133.1
Community services	127.6	148.2	148.2	148.2	129.6	141.9	141.9	141.9	132.4	136.2	136.2	136.3
All industries(b)	130.8	136.2	136.5	136.5	129.9	135.9	136.1	136.1	133.8	137.4	137.5	137.6
<b>FEMALES</b>												
Manufacturing	125.8	125.8	125.8	125.8	133.2	137.5	137.5	137.5	140.2	144.8	144.9	144.9
Food, beverages and tobacco	125.8	125.8	125.8	125.8	137.7	146.2	146.2	146.2	136.1	139.7	139.7	139.7
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	143.5	150.7	150.7	150.7	143.9	149.4	149.4	149.4
Metal products, machinery and equipment	..	..	..	..	137.7	145.4	145.4	145.4	139.4	143.8	143.9	143.9
Other manufacturing(a)	..	..	..	..	140.1	144.9	144.9	144.9	142.2	147.4	147.4	147.5
Wholesale and retail trade	135.5	144.0	144.4	144.4	136.4	142.9	143.5	143.5	138.9	143.9	144.0	144.2
Wholesale trade	133.7	142.8	142.8	142.8	138.0	145.3	145.3	145.3	139.3	144.0	144.0	144.1
Retail trade	136.4	144.7	145.2	145.2	136.2	142.6	143.2	143.2	138.7	143.9	144.0	144.3
Transport and storage	133.7	141.0	141.0	141.0	136.5	141.3	141.3	141.3	133.7	135.8	135.8	135.8
Finance, property and business services	132.8	137.4	137.4	137.4	134.5	137.7	137.7	137.7	134.6	137.6	137.6	137.6
Community services	139.5	144.8	144.8	144.8	135.6	140.3	140.3	140.3	137.4	141.0	141.0	141.0
All industries(b)	135.3	140.0	140.8	140.8	134.1	138.3	138.3	138.3	136.9	140.7	140.8	140.8
<b>PERSONS</b>												
Mining	133.4	136.8	136.8	136.8	..	..	..	..	133.7	135.1	135.1	135.2
Manufacturing	133.7	138.0	138.0	138.0	131.7	135.5	135.5	135.5	137.1	141.3	141.4	141.4
Food, beverages and tobacco	135.3	139.6	139.6	139.6	138.6	146.0	146.0	146.0	134.8	138.1	138.3	138.3
Textiles; Clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	143.5	150.7	150.7	150.7	144.0	149.6	149.6	149.7
Chemicals, petroleum, coal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134.9	138.7	138.7	138.7
Metal products, machinery and equipment	132.7	137.0	137.0	137.0	132.2	135.4	135.4	135.4	135.8	140.0	140.1	140.1
Basic metal products	132.0	135.3	135.3	135.3	133.1	134.3	134.3	134.3	132.6	137.7	137.7	137.7
Fabricated metal products;												
Other machinery and equipment	133.4	139.9	139.9	139.9	132.3	135.5	135.5	135.5	138.2	142.6	142.7	142.7
Transport equipment	134.1	137.4	137.4	137.4	129.4	129.4	131.5	131.5	134.6	137.9	138.0	138.0
Other manufacturing(a)	131.6	134.6	134.6	134.6	130.7	134.3	134.3	134.3	140.0	144.6	144.7	144.7
Construction	130.5	134.6	134.7	134.7	129.7	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.0	136.3	136.4	136.4
Wholesale and retail trade	135.3	141.5	141.6	141.6	134.6	139.6	140.8	140.8	138.4	143.9	144.2	144.2
Wholesale trade	134.1	140.8	140.8	140.8	136.6	142.7	142.7	142.7	137.5	142.3	142.4	142.4
Retail trade	135.9	141.8	142.0	142.0	134.1	138.7	140.3	140.3	139.1	145.2	145.5	145.6
Transport and storage	132.7	136.0	136.0	136.0	132.5	136.3	136.3	136.3	133.4	136.1	136.2	136.2
Finance, property and business services	130.9	134.6	134.6	134.6	132.2	135.2	135.2	135.2	132.4	135.3	135.3	135.3
Community services	135.4	146.0	146.0	146.0	132.4	141.2	141.2	141.2	135.1	138.8	138.8	138.8
All industries(b)	132.5	137.6	138.1	138.1	131.4	136.8	136.9	136.9	134.7	138.4	138.5	138.6

(a) Includes wood, wood products and furniture; non-metallic mineral products; and miscellaneous manufacturing, but does not include all other manufacturing groups.

(b) Excludes employees in the defence forces; agriculture; services to agriculture; and employees in private households employing staff.

Note: Statistics covering a more detailed industry classification may be available on request. See paragraph 31 of the Explanatory Notes.



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

This publication contains indexes for weekly and hourly award rates of pay for full-time adult wage and salary earners. These indexes have been compiled on a monthly basis since the base month of June 1985.

2. The methodology used to construct the Award Rates of Pay Indexes is in general similar to that used for other indexes such as the Consumer Price Index and the Producer and Foreign Trade price indexes. It is based on a representative 'basket' of award rates of pay. The indexes are constructed by weighting award rates of pay for selected classifications according to the pattern of employment that existed at May 1985. The 'basket' of classifications, and their weights remain constant during the life of the indexes, so changes in the indexes reflect general *trends* in award rates of pay over time. They do not measure relative *levels* of average award rates of pay between States, industries, awards and occupations.

3. All award rates of pay series are expressed as index numbers with a reference base of June 1985 = 100.0. The base for the new series of June 1985 was determined using data obtained from the Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours conducted in May 1985.

4. The December 1987 issue of this publication contains the first release of these series. That issue provides a large number of series covering the period from June 1985, as well as four appendixes containing:

- distribution of the weights used to construct the indexes;
- weighted average minimum standard hours at the base period;
- weighted average minimum award rates of pay at the base period; and
- factors for linking the current and previous series.

5. These series replace an earlier series which covered the period June 1976 to November 1987. Note that separate indexes for wage earners and wage and salary earners are not provided in the current series, because of difficulties in distinguishing wage and salary earners in award documentation or in the survey from which employment numbers were obtained. For more information regarding the methodological and conceptual differences between the previous series and the current series, refer to *Information Paper : Award Rates of Pay Indexes* (6343.0) released on 11 February 1988.

### Scope and coverage

6. The award rates of pay for full-time adult employees, which are normally varied in accordance with awards, determinations or registered collective agreements, have been selected in the indexes. As at June 1985, the indexes cover 3.0 million persons (2.1 million males and 0.9 million females). Approximately 3 per cent of full-time adult employees are covered by unregistered agreements (i.e. those agreements made by an employer with a group of employees and which are not registered with a Federal or State wage fixing authority). For statistical purposes these have been considered to be similar to awards. The rates prescribed in the more

important of these, such as the collective agreement between the State Transport Authority of Victoria and some of its employees, have been included in the indexes.

7. Rates of pay applicable to approximately 16 per cent of full-time adult employees who are not covered by awards, determinations or registered or unregistered collective agreements, are not covered by the indexes. This includes those employees whose rates of pay and conditions of work are not normally varied in accordance with variations in a specific Federal or State award, determination or registered collective agreement or a specific unregistered agreement.

### Collection of award information

8. Information on award rates of pay for selected classifications is obtained from a variety of sources. The primary updating sources are advices of award variations determined or authorised by industrial tribunals. A number of secondary sources are also used including the Employers' Federation of N.S.W. and the Victorian Employers' Federation. Information obtained by these means is used to update award rates of pay for each selected classification on a monthly basis and used for the compilation of the monthly indexes.

### Design of the indexes

#### *Selection of the classifications*

9. The source used to base the indexes is the May 1985 Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours. The Survey collected information on the industry and occupation of individual employees, the award under which they are covered and their award classification.

10. This information was used to stratify classifications by industry, occupation and State as part of a sample design which ensured that the indexes have been produced at a satisfactory level of reliability for all cross-classifications included in the series.

11. A sample of approximately 700 awards and 5,500 award classifications has been selected for inclusion in the indexes.

#### *Compilation*

12. Data on the award rates of pay from June 1985 and subsequent months have been compiled for each of the selected award classifications. Estimates of weighted average award rates were calculated by expanding data from the sample of award classifications. The estimates for June 1985 for each component of the series were then converted to an index value of 100.0.

#### *Weighting*

13. The weighting pattern of the indexes is determined at the award classification level. The weights applied to the award classifications included in the indexes are derived from the May 1985 Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours. The distribution of the weights used in the construction of the indexes is shown in Appendix A of the December 1987 issue of this publication.

14. Awards have been divided into two groups, 'major' awards and 'minor' awards, depending on the estimated employment coverage of each award. All 200 major awards have been included in the indexes, while only a



sample of approximately 500 minor awards have been included. For classifications selected within major awards, the employment benchmarks have been inflated in the indexes to account for the total employment within the award. For classifications selected within minor awards, employment benchmarks have been inflated in the indexes to account for the total employment coverage of all minor awards.

#### *Limitations of weighting*

15. The indexes are fixed weight indexes. The weights of the indexes need to be reviewed periodically because of the problems inherent with having fixed weight indexes. In particular, the indexes are not responsive to changes in the structure and coverage of awards, and are likely to become less representative and therefore less reliable over time. An example of this type of problem occurred with the Victorian Nurses Award. This award underwent a major restructuring during 1986 with some classifications being amalgamated and others being split into two or more classifications. This type of restructuring of an award in the indexes means that an equivalent classification needs to be selected from the revised award structure. However, until a complete review of the indexes is carried out, the old weighting structure must be used.

16. Another example of the problems that can occur with fixed weight indexes concerns second-tier variations (March 1987 National Wage Case decision). In general, second-tier variations have been applied to all employees covered by an award. In some cases however, the second-tier increase has only been granted to a proportion of the employees covered by the award. Because of the fixed weights of the indexes a partial increase to the award cannot be included in the indexes. In such cases the indexes are varied if the increase applies to the majority of the employees covered by the award.

#### **Revision of the indexes**

17. In some cases, when awards etc. are varied, the new award rates are made retrospective. In addition there is sometimes a considerable delay in the receipt of notification of changes in award rates in respect of the classification included in the indexes. Because of these factors the figures in this publication are subject to revision. Revisions for States, industries and occupations are included in this publication. Revised figures for each industry and occupation group in each State are available on request.

#### **Definitions**

18. The *award rates of pay* used in the compilation of the indexes :

##### *Include*

- (i) the base rate and any allowances or loadings that are applicable to ALL employees under a specific award classification (e.g. industry allowance); and
- (ii) supplementary payments when they are specified within the award.

##### *Exclude*

- (i) remunerative allowances. It is considered that these allowances are paid to reimburse employees for expenses they are expected to incur during the course of their employment (e.g. tool allowances). The inclusion of these allowances would not

reflect the true level of remuneration of these employees; and

- (ii) superannuation payments and other payments such as severance and termination payments which are paid to employees as part of an award agreement.

19. The *weekly award rates of pay series* for full-time adult employees provide details of the movements in the weekly rates of pay for award classifications included in the index.

20. The *hourly award rates of pay series* for full-time adult employees provide details of the movements in the hourly rates of pay for award classifications included in the index. These series include only those awards and classifications where hours of work are specified in the award.

21. Estimates of *standard weekly hours of work* previously included as an appendix to the June and December issues of this publication can now be obtained on request via a special data service. Inquiries should be made to Bruce McClelland on (06) 252 6581. These estimates apply to all wage and salary earners where standard hours are specified in the award etc. They refer to weighted average standard weekly hours of work where the weighting is based on the weights used for the construction of the award rates of pay indexes.

22. Estimates of the *weighted average minimum weekly award rates of pay* are based on the weights used in the construction of the award rates of pay indexes. The weighted average minimum award rates of pay at the base period are included as Appendix C of the December 1987 issue of this publication.

#### **Reliability of indexes**

23. Since the indexes are based on information obtained from a sample of employers they are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ by chance from figures that would have been produced if all employers had been included in the survey.

24. Inaccuracies may also occur because of imperfections by respondents or in processing by the ABS. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as *non-sampling errors*. Although considerable care is taken in questionnaire design; in the instructions given to employers on how to select a sample of their employees; in editing the survey returns; and in relating the figures to comparable statistics, these inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. As an example, non-sampling error may occur in the survey where employers are uncertain of the precise awards and classifications which cover their employees.

#### **Comparability of results**

25. When comparisons are made between period-to-period movements in the Award Rates of Pay Indexes (ARPI) and movements in Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings (AWOTE) for full-time adults published in *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0) it is important to recognise the different coverage, scope, definitions and methodology used in the construction of each series. In particular, the AWOTE series includes a number of payments additional to award rates of pay used in compiling ARPI. Allowances covered



under awards which are not industry or occupation-wide in their application such as site, travelling, height or dirt allowances, are excluded from ARPI but included in AWOTE. The AWOTE series also includes other payments such as shift penalty payments and over-award pay. A significant number of employees are not covered by awards but are included in AWOTE. The AWOTE series is also affected by compositional changes in the labour force. However ARPI is not similarly affected, being fixed-weight indexes constructed from a representative 'basket' of occupations selected from the May 1985 Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours. It is subject to reselection and rebasing at infrequent intervals. Other factors affecting comparisons between the two series include seasonal influences on earnings and differences between the two series in the treatment of retrospective pay increases. A detailed description of the methodology, scope, and definitions used in compiling AWOTE is featured in Catalogue No. 6302.0.

#### Classification of industry and occupation

26. Industry is classified according to the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC)*, 1983 (1201.0). Occupation is classified according to the *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO)* (1222.0).

#### General increases in award wages

27. Details of general increases in award wages as a result of wage hearings since 1980 are included as an appendix to those issues of this publication which correspond to the month in which general wage increases have been awarded. Information for earlier periods was published in *Labour Statistics, Australia*, 1980 (6101.0) and earlier issues of that publication.

#### Related publications

28. For details of previously published indexes reference should be made to previous issues of this publication and the following publications:

For the period March 1939 to June 1965: *Minimum Wage Rates* (6313.0)

For the period June 1965 to June 1972: *Wage Rates Indexes* (6314.0)

For the period July 1972 to June 1975: *Wage Rates and Earnings* (6312.0)

For the period July 1975 to August 1982: *Wage Rates Indexes* (6312.0)

For the period September 1982 to November 1987: *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6312.0).

29. Users may also be interested in the following publications:

*Information Paper: Award Rates of Pay Indexes* (6343.0)

*Distribution and Composition of Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, Preliminary* (6305.0) and final publication *Distribution and Composition of Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, (6306.0) — annual

*Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, Preliminary* (6301.0) and final publication *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0) — issued quarterly

*Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, 1941-1990* (6350.0)

*Award Coverage, Australia, May 1990* (6315.0)

*Industrial Disputes, Australia* (6321.0) — issued monthly

*Industrial Disputes, Australia* (6322.0) — issued annually

*Trade Union Statistics, Australia* (6323.0) — issued annually

*Labour Statistics, Australia* (6101.0) — annual

*A Guide to Labour Statistics* (6102.0)

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#### Unpublished statistics

31. In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, computer printout, clerically-extracted tabulation. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. Inquiries for unpublished statistics related to this publication should be made to Bruce McClelland on (06) 252 6581, or to Information Services in the nearest ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

.. not applicable

32. As the indexes are rounded to one decimal place, discrepancies may occur between the published annual percentage changes in Tables 1, 4, 5 and 6 and the value which would be produced by calculating the percentage change from the published statistics.

#### Forthcoming issues

33. The following table shows the dates on which the *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6312.0) publication is expected to be released.

Issue		Expected Release Date
1992	April	12 June 1992
	May	10 July 1992
	June	14 August 1992
	July	11 September 1992





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